



MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

March 2, 2005

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:01 p.m. on March 2, 2005 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Jeff Jones, Chief of Finance, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

IV. Reports from Staff:

- (a) Legal;**
- (b) Operations;**
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;**
- (d) Interpretation;**
- (e) Developed Parks;**
- (f) Construction.**

The Authority received verbal reports from the Executive Officer; Chief of Operations; the Chief of Construction; the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chief of Construction, the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Chief of Interpretation.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; the County of Los Angeles; the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and other parties to participate in an integrated regional watershed management group for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for emergency response and repairs to parkland managed by the Authority as a result of the severe storms of early 2005.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 05-03 to correctly reflect the acceptance of an offer to dedicate a scenic easement (Malibu Lake/P5-83-711).**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-14, 05-15, and 05-16 were adopted unanimously.

VI. Quarterly grant status report from the Assistant Financial Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and Sheryl Lewanda.

VII. Report and discussion on transfer of operations and maintenance responsibilities of Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to the City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel and Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Executive Officer.

VIII. Consideration of resolution granting a Public Access Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles on APN 5445-008-905 and 5445-010-901 for the Los Angeles River Bikeway.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-17 was adopted unanimously.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Office of Emergency Services for grant funds available under the California Disaster Assistance Act and authorizing release of any information necessary as requested by the Office of Emergency Services for said purposes.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-18 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of tax defaulted properties in Los Angeles County pursuant to Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8 of the Revenue and Taxation Code that are contained within Chapter 8 Agreement Nos. 2361, 2364, 2367, and 2412 and authorizing acceptance of donations and public funding to acquire said properties.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-19 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of trail, access, and conservation easements along Chaparral Road, unincorporated Ventura County.

This item was postponed to a later date.

XII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

No comment was made.

XIII. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 4. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al*; (3) *Andrew Sabol v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al CIV 226281 (Ventura County)*, and (4) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Laminar RR Acquisition, L.L.C. et al*.

No closed session was held.

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 6, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair